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OF NOTE**Students immersed in Rouge River**

The Wayne Recycling Committee will meet 8 p.m. May 13 at City Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend. The speaker will be Heidi Wayco, solid waste management coordinator for Southfield. She will discuss curbside recycling, yard waste separation, recycling education and household hazardous waste.

For more information contact councilwoman Donna McEachern at 721-0100.

Recycling committee meeting is slated

Fifteen hundred students from high schools throughout the metropolitan Detroit area participated in a Rouge River water quality test Thursday. Students at Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth-Salem and Wayne Memorial high schools were among those involved in the project.

The students gathered aquatic organisms, tested water samples and surveyed land use along the river.

The annual monitoring program is part of an ongoing educational program sponsored by Friends of the Rouge. The monitoring leads up to the big Rouge Rescue project scheduled for June.

The interactive Rouge River Water Quality Education Program, now in its fifth year, has been internationally recognized and has been adopted in 40 countries worldwide.

Family night hosted by hospital

Annapolis Hospital in Wayne is staging an open house for families in recognition of National Hospital Week.

Families are invited to explore the various departments in the hospital from 5 to 9 p.m. May 15.

Those who attend will be given tours and may take advantage of free blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screenings. There will also be refreshments, games, balloons, door prizes and entertainment.

Classes offered in Canton Township

Landscape classes are offered to Canton Township residents on May 15 and 22 at the Canton administration building.

Landscape architect Barry Burton will teach the two-hour classes, which feature tips on maintenance and design.

The classes include a slide-show presentation of various garden and landscape styles. Call the Municipal Services Department at 397-5400 for more information.

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**Vice-presidential visit**

Vice President Dan Quayle arrived Friday morning at Detroit Metropolitan Airport for a six-hour stay in the Detroit area. He was met by state and local dignitaries before being whisked away to a private school in Detroit for discussions with teachers and parents regarding education and meetings with auto company executives. ANP photo by Deanne DeYonker/staff photographer

Westland school sits on land mine

Westland and Livonia parents with children who attend Cooper Elementary School in Westland are concerned that surfacing debris from a landfill beneath the school will cause a potential health hazard for their children.

"Cooper School is built on an old landfill," said Joseph Marinelli, superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools. "Over time, the surface soil erodes as it does anywhere and debris once a part of the landfill is brought up to the surface."

Marinelli emphasizes the problem is not a health hazard to students or to the employees.

"Last September, the Environmental Protection Agency came to the school to test the soil," he said. "The test showed low levels of DDT. These levels do not constitute a hazard to humans."

Although the findings do not constitute a hazard as yet, Marinelli and other school officials have gone ahead and blocked off the area.

"We agreed we would take additional precautionary measures to restrict the use of grass areas around the school from use of students and staff," he said.

School officials have placed a fence around the area, where debris has surfaced.

Even though school officials have taken extra precautions, some parents are not allowing their children to attend school, according to Marinelli. On Friday, 55 students were absent, 22 of which were absent because of news of the landfill, Marinelli said.

Over the summer, the Department of Natural Resources will be testing the soil in and around the school yard. If low levels of toxic chemicals are found, then school officials will put a clay cap over the surface to keep the debris and potentially hazardous chemicals from eroding the surface.

"High levels of toxic chemicals may require other kinds of efforts such as removing the soil," he said. "We're hopeful all we'll find is low levels."

Part of the reason school officials believe parents have kept their children out of school is an article that appeared in the Detroit News on Thursday. "It read something like poisoned play ground," Marinelli said.

Marinelli hopes parents will feel confident in sending their kids to school.

"I would feel safe and confident sending my children to school here," the superintendent said.

Cooper school was originally built in 1964, and school officials at that time were aware of the landfill. If a high level of chemicals is found in the soil, school officials will have to submit to the DNR a plan to clean up the site.

Technology takes giant leap into classrooms

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

School districts in western Wayne County seem to be following the lead of Romulus schools to create a school district of the future, including the use of computers to enhance the educational needs of the students.

Last November, Romulus residents approved a \$45-million bond issue to permit the school district to make a massive overhaul of the current educational system. Instead of instructors teaching on a blackboard, they now will program lessons on a computer.

Romulus students will soon be situated in cluster groups around several tables in a classroom where about every two students will have a computer at their desk, according to Community Relations Director Art McPharlin.

"It's going to be a computer student learning station where the teacher will instruct from a 45-inch colored television monitor," McPharlin said. "A Mobile Teacher Computer Station will be linked to the 45-inch television."

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are considering a similar project. The "Existing Facilities Committee," one of three bond study committees for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, recently presented a report to school board trustees which asks the trustees to consider

a \$59.5-million bond proposal.

The bond proposal, if approved, would provide adequate housing and educational opportunities, including computers, for all students within the next five years, according to Dick Egli, Plymouth-Canton administrative assistant for community relations.

"\$12 million of the proposal being recommended would be set aside for computer technology," Egli said. "A vote on the proposed bond issue could take place in late September."

Egli said the proposed bond issue could take place without increasing the millage.

Committee members recommended the following:

- Building two elementary schools.
- Restructuring Erikson, Field and Hulsing elementary schools.
- Renovating existing schools.
- Implementing integrated technology.
- Expanding the media center at the CEP.
- Repair Starkweather.
- Build a transportation facility.
- Buy four new buses in the next six years.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have 12 elementary schools, five middle schools and two high schools.

Computer technology has already entered the Inkster School District, according to Superintendent Edward Beverly. More computers, however, will be added in the near future.

"We will have selected classrooms where computers will be set up," Beverly said. "Right now, we have 200 computers spread throughout the schools. We will be expanding."

Computer training is ongoing for the staff on a rotation basis within the Inkster School District. The cost of the computer technology is being funded through the general operating budget, Beverly said.

Inkster has three elementary schools, one senior high and one junior high. Beverly said the three elementary schools will soon be phased into two elementary schools.

"We're going to have the ground-breaking on the new building this month on the 19th," Beverly said. "A year later, we should be operating the new school."

About 200 computers are being targeted for each school in Romulus, which include the five elementary schools, the junior high and the senior high.

The Romulus project is being implemented in two phases. The first phase begins June 17 and is expected to be completed and operational by November 1992.

Phase two is expected to begin March 1992 and be completed by September 1993.

Local upholsterer has craft "all sewn up"

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Richard Cyr's appreciation of antiques, his love of fine woods and interest in detail and working with his hands led him into his work as an upholsterer.

Cyr, a 1975 graduate of Huron High School, New Boston, attended a six-month trade school program in New Orleans, La., to learn his craft. He returned to Michigan to work at several shops before opening his own business, Detail Upholstery, in Westland in 1984.

"Even as a kid, I wanted to be in business for myself. At that time, I wasn't sure what kind of work I wanted to do, but I was certain I would have my own business," Cyr said. "I started working in my garage before I opened my shop on Wayne Road."

The sign on Cyr's door lists Monday through Friday hours with Saturdays noted as "sometimes." However, visitors to the shop may find him there earlier and later than the post-

ed sign indicates.

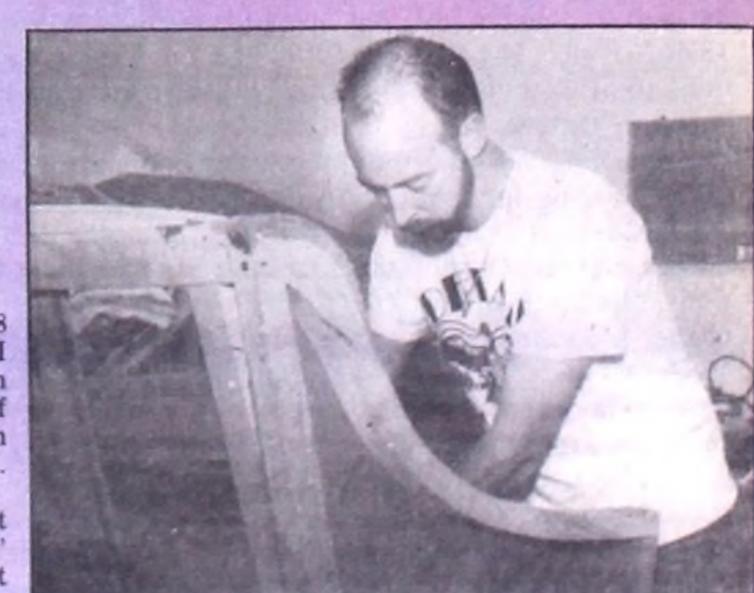
"Even though the sign says we open at 8 a.m., I'm often here at 6 a.m. or 7 a.m. if I need to get a job done, and I'm here later than the closing hour, if I need to be," Cyr said. "If I say that I'm going to finish a job by a certain time, I do whatever it takes to accomplish it. In addition, I really like what I do."

When asked what part of his work is most difficult, Cyr quickly replied, "none of it." After 11 years in the business, there are not many aspects of his work he finds difficult. He

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Richard Cyr

J on the Job



Richard Cyr

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notes, however, cutting and sewing are the most technical parts of upholstering.

"I do furniture upholstering, recreational vehicles and boats. There's not anything that I can't handle. There are not too many people who can do boats and RVs," Cyr said. "I like challenges. Every day there is something different—different pieces of furniture and different materials."

Cyr's most difficult task was re-upholstering a three-piece, curved sectional sofa which had been given to a couple by the woman's parents.

"The parents gave them the 1960-era furniture when they moved. They didn't like the style, but they didn't want to hurt her parents' feelings," Cyr said. "It was a good piece of solid furniture, but they wanted something more modern. I changed the cloth material to a leather-look, removed the old seat cushions and made some modifications in the style. They loved it, and, in fact, they've invited me to visit them to see how it looks with their new decor."

The Westland upholsterer said people should buy furniture as an investment, in the same manner as they buy a home or car. He frowns on what he terms as "disposable furniture."

"We find that the older the furniture, the better it was made. A lot of furniture made today is not made to last," Cyr said. "If the furniture has a good frame, you get more for your money. It will last for many years, not just five or six years."

Cyr has a collection of photographs of his past jobs, and proudly notes how he has matched the patterns on the cushions, arms and ruffles. The match which shows, for example, three identically placed flowers on the front of a chair arm is an indication of quality craftsmanship.

"I always look at the match of patterns on furniture and also on clothing. If it's a perfect match, then it's a quality job," Cyr said. "I'm always checking patterns, even when I'm visiting somewhere. My helper, Rick, is beginning to do the same thing, so I know he's developing an eye for quality."

Cyr loves antiques and has furnished his own home with reupholstered pieces. Unlike the proverbial shoemaker whose children go barefooted, Cyr's home furniture needs are not neglected.

"I found my first antique chair in an alley in Detroit. It was in five or six pieces, but I could tell that it was a Chippendale chair, so I brought it home and fixed it up," Cyr said. "Now, everything in my living room is an antique."

When he's not working, Cyr likes to go camping, hiking or participate in other outdoor activities. He also enjoys golf, but admits his clubs become a bit dusty between opportunities to visit the greens.

Although Westland has been his home for the past 11 years, Cyr is planning a future move to a five-acre parcel in Brownstown Township.

Conference won't choose sides on residency issue

While state lawmakers are eying a bill to allow public safety employees to reside outside of their community, local leaders are crying "hands off."

Inkster Mayor Joseph Davis asked members of the Conference of Western Wayne to voice their opposition to the proposal that would ban residency requirements in individual communities.

"Let's show our displeasure to the state Senate. It's an issue that we should negotiate with our police and firefighters," Davis told CWW members. "Let's tell the legislators to keep their hands off this."

The 18-member consortium

voted to support a continuation of residency as a collective bargaining issue, and asked that residency requirements not be limited by the state.

Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett said residency laws are difficult to enforce, but believes it is beneficial to have police and firefighters living in the community in which they are employed. Bennett noted about one-half of the Livonia firefighters live outside of the city.

"Your heart is in the community where you live," Bennett said, noting officers have a bigger stake in their service area if they also reside there.



A minor league pitcher was once traded to another team for 20 uniforms.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES AND OF THE PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Wayne will hold a public hearing at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday May 21, 1991 in the council chambers in City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, on the proposed 1991 city tax levy and on the proposed 1991-92 city budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during the regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk and in the Wayne-Westland Library during its operating hours.

Last year (1990) the city levied 19.3346 mills (\$19.3346 per \$1,000 SEV) for city operating purposes. Because of an estimated increase in the State Equalized Value of existing property in the city, state law (Act 5 of 1982) provides that the base tax rate for 1991 city operating taxes be reduced to 18.4626 mills (\$18.4626 per \$1,000 SEV). This is 0.8720 mills (0.8720 cents per \$1,000 SEV) lower than the 1990 operating tax rate.

Implementing this reduction fully would eliminate the necessary funding for the services contained in the proposed 1991-92 budget. In order to fund the city's proposed 1991-92 budget, city finds it necessary to restore partially this reduction. Because the city has complete authority under its charter and state law to establish the number of mills to be levied within its fully authorized millage rate, the city proposes to levy an additional millage of 0.4374 mills (0.4374 cents per \$1,000 SEV) above the 1990 base operating tax rate. This will provide an estimated 2.4% increase in city operating property tax revenues. Individual property taxes may increase greater than or less than the estimated average. Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the hearing on the proposed additional millage rate and on the proposed city budget.

Bill Richards, Jr.
City Clerk
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Board detours Headlee petition drive

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Unless the courts decide otherwise, the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative is dead for this year.

Voting on party lines, the state Board of Canvassers refused to certify petition signatures gathered by the property tax-cut seeking group. The four-member board voted 2-2 with Republicans James Alexander and Gail Torreano voting for certification and Democrats Michael Pyne and Bernice Shields voting against certification.

Under Michigan voting laws, if the board doesn't have a simple majority on a motion, the motion fails. Therefore, the Headlee petitions are not certified.

"We will let the courts decide this issue," said Bill McMaster, Headlee group spokesman.

"I don't think the voters of this state will forget those who have failed to support this tax cut."

The Headlee Tax Initiative, launched in the fall 1990, asks the Legislature to slash property taxes 20 percent or, if the lawmakers refuse to take action on the issue, to place the Headlee proposal on the 1992 ballot.

McMaster, who also serves as vice-president of Taxpayers United, said more than 191,700 petition signatures had been filed with the Bureau of Elections and "this action by the board has disfranchised the voters of the state of their rights."

According to state election officials, the petitions filed by

the Headlee group were deficient. They found duplicate signatures, and reported the Headlee group were at least 7,300 signatures short of the required 191,726 signatures.

The Michigan Education Association, which has opposed the tax cut, said its members have uncovered at least 13,000 duplicate signatures on the petitions.

Headlee, 60, who authored the Tax Limitation Act which was approved by the voters in 1978, said his group had gathered 224,000 petition signatures between March 15 and Sept. 11, 1990.

City and school officials have categorically opposed the Headlee proposal because it would rollback property taxes 20 percent. The officials argue

the budgets are already in place and the cut would open up a Pandora's Box.

The Headlee proposal would force the state to reimburse schools and local governments for any lost revenues. According to state officials, the Headlee proposal, if approved, would cost the state about \$700 million in the first year and \$1.2 billion in the second year. The state is currently attempting to find revenues to shore up an estimated \$1.2 billion deficit.

Gov. John Engler recently signed a bipartisan bill that would freeze property taxes in 1992. The bill also calls for a vote to amend the state Constitution to tie property assessment rates to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

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Older Americans Act gains support of local leaders

By THEODORE G. COUTILISH
ANP News Editor

State Rep. Justine Barns (D-Westland) outlined her support to renew a social services package for senior citizens at a recent House Commission on Education and Labor public hearing in Taylor.

Chief among Barns' concerns was re-authorization of the Older Americans Act, the major vehicle for delivery of social services to senior citizens.

The act, which authorizes services through a network of 57 state agencies and 670 area agencies on aging nationwide, was created in 1965 to organize and deliver health, housing, nutritional and other services to senior citizens.

Barns told members of the Subcommittee on Human Re-

"We need to clearly demonstrate our commitment to older Americans and to the provision of community-based long-term care."

sources, which is staging panel sessions nationwide, that the act needs to be updated to help solve modern-day concerns.

"We need to clearly demonstrate our commitment to older Americans and to the provision of community-based long-term care," Barns said. "It is especially important these services be organized so those in need will know where to turn for help and this help be within reach of every community where long-

term care services are in demand."

Other concerns Barns listed included commitment by the federal government to renew the act and cost sharing for services such as respite care and adult day care.

Barns said cost sharing of vital services would be effective if:

- It isn't used as a tool to allow either the states or federal government to cut its financial

commitment.

- It must not become a means test that would ultimately deny services to some elderly.

- It must be enacted to protect all those in poverty and near poverty, and it must be enacted on a slide-scale fee that would allow for only the smallest of changes.

Barns also told subcommittee members the act, which costs taxpayers \$1.3 billion annually, must be a top priority of the federal government because of the growing number of seniors nationwide.

"The fact the senior population – especially those 85 and older – represent the fastest growing segment of our economy tells us we must implement a policy in the 1990s that will allow people to receive services in their own communities," Barns said. "Long-term

care will be one of the dominant issues of the 1990s, and it is absolutely vital the federal government seek to go beyond the status quo in its support of the programs under the umbrella."

While the fate of the Older Americans Act is debated in the U.S. Congress this summer, some observers feel there needs to be a balance between providing long-term care services to an older and frailer population and providing other services, such as health promotion and senior center activities, to the non-frail elderly.

Whatever the outcome, Barns said Thursday the federal government must commit itself to the act as a tool for planning the future.

"This act isn't a one-year deal," Barns said. "This act has to be extended to include



Justine Barns
for long-range planning to take our senior citizens into the 21st century."



Fun ride

Nicole Wilkinson, 3, enjoys her turn on the horse bouncer Friday afternoon at Tattan Park in Westland. Wilkinson and her family were at the park for the Stottlemeyer pre-school end-of-the-year picnic. ANP photo by Deanne L. DeYonker/staff photographer

Scorecard needed for commission

By RANDY FRANK
ANP Staff Writer

Wayne County residents need a scorecard these days to keep track of incoming and outgoing Wayne County Commissioners.

One county insider said the dramatic changes which have taken place during the past year are "very unique."

The newest commissioners are Bryan Amann (D-Wayne) of the 11th District, who was elected May 7, and Maurice Breen (R-Plymouth Township) of the 10th District, who was appointed to Susan Heintz' vacant seat in April.

A special election has not been set for the 10th-District seat.

Before Amann beat Jim Poole (R-Canton), he defeated Shirley Poling in the Democra-

tic primary in March. The commission appointed Poling interim 11-District commissioner in January after Milt Mack accepted a probate judgeship.

Other changes took place earlier this year.

In February, Edna Bell of the 8th District (west Detroit) replaced elected-commissioner Bernard Kilpatrick, who accepted an appointment as Wayne County director of health and community services.

In January, Opra Young of the 5th District (Downriver Detroit, Ecorse and River Rouge) replaced her husband, Clarence R. Young, who died in December. A special election will be staged June 3.

Also in January, Bernard Parker of the 2nd District (Detroit eastside) took office, re-

placing Alberta Tinsley-Williams, who is now a Congresswoman. Parker was elected last year.

The Wayne County Commission lost three members to judgeships, including Milt Mack, Ed Boike Jr. and Richard Manning.

The annual salary for a county commissioner, a part-time job, is \$42,000; whereas judgeship salaries usually are twice that amount.

Major county power players, however, have been long-time commissioners.

The most powerful committee chairmen include: George Cushingberry Jr. of the Ways and Means Committee, which sets budget appropriations;

Kay Beard (D-Inkster) of the Audit Committee; and David P.

Leaders ask for quick results

Western Wayne County community leaders are asking for a speed-up on the release of a hazardous waste policy report.

At the May 10 meeting of the 18-member Conference of Western Wayne, a letter was drafted to Gov. John Engler asking for a prompt report from the Hazardous Waste Policy Committee.

The committee had been working for more than a year on a new, comprehensive hazardous waste policy when the governor appointed new committee members. The re-

port, slated to have been released before the current date, is being delayed while new members are updated on its contents.

"Many communities in the CWW, especially those that host landfills, were extremely interested in the recommendations that the committee was to present," said the letter, which was signed by CWW Chairwoman Beverly McAnalley. "The fact that a policy recommendation was delayed is discouraging, considering the amount of work that went into

this study, and the urgent need for the state to address the hazardous waste problem."

In the May 10 letter, McAnalley noted new committee members are reviewing the findings and recommendations of the previous members before they will make their own recommendations to state officials. She said the CWW is anxiously awaiting some direction from the new committee on this issue.

CWW Solid Waste Coordinator Tina Sanders said the committee plans to release its findings in three to four months.

Murder still puzzles police

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Who killed Keith Alan Blazier?

That is a question the Romulus Police Department has been struggling to answer for nearly six years.

Blazier's bullet-riddled body was dumped on a lonely street during the early morning hours of March 11, 1985. His then-newly bought Buick also had disappeared.

The victim's vehicle was later recovered the next day in the parking lot of an Inkster apartment complex on Cherry Hill Road and Henry Ruff. The vehicle produced latent fingerprints. However, crime lab technicians could not match them to anyone, according to detective Lt. Kenneth Kraus of the Romulus Police Department.

"At the time, we felt we had enough pieces in the puzzle to solve this case," Kraus said. "But we just couldn't find the missing piece."

Blazier, an architect by pro-

fession, spent part of the evening of March 11 at Henry the VIII, a topless go-go lounge on Middle Belt Road in Inkster.

Sometime during the evening he left the bar and went to Bogart's Lounge, another Inkster-based topless bar near Henry Ruff Road. That decision later proved fatal.

Police theorize when he left the bar, he was approached by an apparent robber, who later shot Blazier to death with a small caliber revolver. Blazier's body was discovered at 5:51 a.m. in the 8800 block of Grover Street. The victim's wallet and any other identification he may have had on him at the time was removed by the killer.

"We have to believe that robbery was the motive," Kraus said. "The victim's wallet was gone. The wallet and the mur-

der weapon were never found."

There are a couple of ironies in Blazier's killing. Police believed the killer was spotted by at least two witnesses.

The murderer may have stopped to get gas for the car at a nearby station. A witness later reported he had seen a black man at the wheel of a vehicle and, on the passenger's side, there appeared to be a man sleeping or slumped over.

Also, a witness at the apartment complex where the murderer left Blazier's vehicle told police he saw a man lock the victim's vehicle, with the lights still on, and get into a taxi.

"We checked all of the cab companies and came up empty handed," Kraus said.

The killer is described as a black male, about 5-7 or 5-8, medium complexion and was about 20 years old at the time.

If you have any information in the case, call the Romulus Police Department at 941-8400. Witnesses who do not want to talk to the police may also contact Associated Newspapers staff writer Tom Mooradian at 729-4000.

Northwest blamed for crash

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Staff Writer

The verdict is in.

A Detroit federal jury decided May 8 Northwest Airlines engaged in "willful and wanton misconduct" and was solely responsible for the crash of Flight 255, which claimed 156 lives Aug. 16, 1987.

McDonnell Douglas Corp. is cleared of all blame. This portion of the verdict surprised Kay Gleason, one of the members of Flight 255 Spirit Lives On support group. Gleason lost her husband Patrick, 49, in the fatal crash.

"I was very surprised McDonnell Douglas was not blamed at all," Gleason said. "I sat through most of the trial and heard the evidence against McDonnell which sounded incriminating to me."

Northwest lawyers claimed McDonnell Douglas designed a flawed MD-80 plane that caused the crash after takeoff.

The jury stated "the pilots' failure to follow procedures, to follow the taxi checklist, weighed heavily" on the decision.

The decision was made by a seven-woman, two-man jury over a period of 16 days of deliberations and 17 months of testimony which was geared toward setting blame and assessing what percentage Northwest and McDonnell Douglas should pay of the reported \$150 million in out-of-court settlements reached with victim's families.

Settlements with the families of about \$150 million were reached during mid-trial with Northwest and McDonnell Douglas. Northwest paid the larger portion of the settlements, and most of the families dropped out of the trial.

It will be up to Associated Aviation Underwriters to decide whether or not to appeal, according to Northwest officials.

Details of the court settlement with the guilty verdict against Northwest Airlines are being kept under wraps, however, a reported amount ranged from \$300,000 to \$5 million.

National Transportation Safety Board officials ruled the crew's failure to set the wing flaps properly for takeoff was a major factor in the aircraft's failure to gain altitude.

On Aug. 16, 1987, the tragedy occurred when the fully-loaded

MD-80, en route from Detroit to Phoenix, clipped a light post at a car rental office and exploded as it slid along Middle Belt in Romulus just south of I-94.

Although the verdict is in, Gleason will still continue with the Spirit Lives On support group who has been like a family to her.

"They really have become my family," Gleason said. "These people will be my friends for life. They understand the things we share together."

Gleason has two sons; Christopher, 29 and Michael,

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Sports

Rocket Men

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By TOM MOORADIAN
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Belleville also received a first place from James Craig, who placed first in the high hurdles (15.5).

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In the meantime, the Belleville women's team also found Monroe tough. They lost a lopsided 102-29 decision to the Trojans. The Tigers managed a victory in the final events as Angelia Pack, Jennifer Hanson, Carmelita Martell and Jennifer Woodington posted the winning time of 4:41.

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Off Sides



Tom Mooradian

Theodore Coutilish

Area baseball hasn't danced it's last dance

Young people aren't interested in the game, they say.

Comedians Robin Williams, George Carlin routinely make fun of the sport, saying it's way too slow, was too boring.

Others point to the way baseball flows.

It's not like basketball or football, where the action is furious and constant.

The game just doesn't fit in with a fast-paced society, critics say.

After all, this is the 1990s and Americans live for the second. It's the age of Nintendo, WrestleMania and MTV.

Americans deal with microchips and microseconds and they scream at their microwaves: "Hurry up."

Well, for some reason, people do.

At least area coaches still do.

They say area high school baseball teams haven't played their last dance.

But there are other prep coaches, many from the inner city, who believe they can hear the knell sounding for the national pastime.

They argue students have too many other side interests and baseball is losing its appeal.

Baseball, the sport anyone can play from the 90 year old in Tampa Bay, Fla., to the Russians, who are preparing to field their first team for the Olympics, appears to be in trouble.

"The kids don't seem to want to come out for the sport anymore," says New Boston Huron Coach Bill Spiecker, who has been coaching for the past eight years.

"Don't misunderstand. We have some fine kids and athletes, and we're playing better ball. But because there are so many other things for them to do, they don't want to concentrate on baseball."

Over the years, we have heard the same complaints from local coaches.

Cars.

Jobs.

And fun in the sun.

They say these things are taking their toll on summer sports, we are told.

But Norm Hoenes, who started coaching at Westland John Glenn the year that ageless wonder Nolan Ryan launched his rookie year some 25 years ago, feels baseball is alive and well and, like Ryan, ageless.

"I know that a lot of the coaches are crying the blues," Hoenes says.

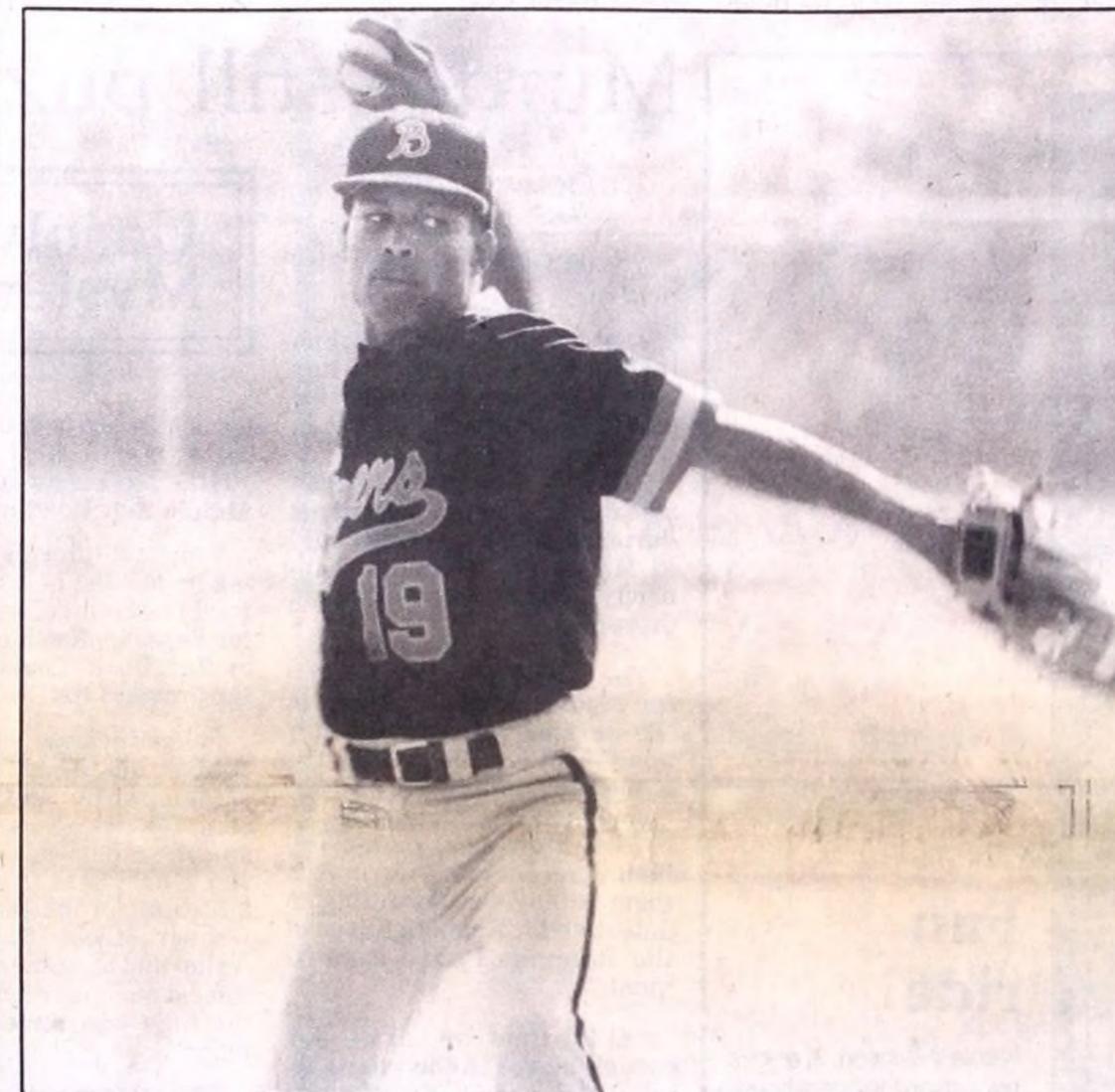
"Believe me, we have had our share of problems here at Glenn over the years."

And this year, Pay-to-Play is no exception. But it's the challenge that makes you keep going."

And when you consider Hoenes has spent half his life coaching the Rockets - he turned 52 Thursday - you'd figure he should know.

If the critics of high school baseball would take time to visit such schools as Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, North Farmington and Wayne, just to name a few, they will discover coaches who have devoted their lives to high school baseball.

"We love it or we wouldn't be in it."



Sean O'Neal

Fordson drops Belleville 12-8

By TERRY LYNCH
ANP Special Writer

The Belleville Tigers continued to struggle as they lost to the Dearborn Fordson Tractors 12-8.

They had plenty of runners on base as Tractor pitcher Keith Loos allowed eight hits, walked eight batters and hit one.

But the Tigers couldn't find the right combinations as they left 11 runners stranded on the bags.

In fact, they even left the bases loaded to end the game.

The game wasn't close at the beginning. Fordson jumped out to a 5-0 lead before the Tigers pushed three around to make it close at 5-3 in the fourth inning.

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Wayne breezes past Southgate

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial runners breezed right past Southgate Anderson Thursday and will run Wednesday against Monroe, the undefeated and defending Wolverine 'A' Conference track champion.

Wayne Memorial Coach Floyd Carter feels the pending meet with Monroe will "give our kids an opportunity to test themselves against the best this league has to offer this year. (Monroe) was picked to win it again this year, and they sure are living up to the pre-season predictions."

The Zebras improved their conference record to 3-2-1 at the expense of Southgate 99-29. Wayne swept 13 of 16 events as Joe Ramsey accounted for a double victory in field events. He won the shot put (44') and the discus (109'). The Zebras also took the high jump with sophomore Carl Olszewski, who suc-

cessfully negotiated 6'1".

Wayne also dominated the relays.

The Zebras' 3,200-meter foursome of Adrian Garzu, Mike Burge, Phil Gibson and Matt Johnson crossed the finish line first, while the 800-meter relay made of Grady, Joe Dumont, Michael Hooks and Glenn Dare coasted to victory.

Dare, Gibson, Dumont and Grady made up the winning combination for the 1,600-meter relay.

Wayne also took the 100-meter dash with Kenny Craig, who hit the tape in 11.6. In the 1,600-meter run, it was Matt Johnson of Wayne who crossed the finish line first. Wayne also was first with Phil Gibson in the 800 and Dumont in the 200-meter dash (23.6).

The Wayne women's team improved its record to 3-3 with a 72-57 victory over Southgate Anderson. The Zebras captured nine of the 16 events.

Rockets stay in chase

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

After a first loss in the conference, Westland John Glenn, the defending Western Lakes Conference track and field champion, returned to the title hunt with an impressive 73-64 victory over Farmington Thursday.

Coach Jeff Shough and his Rockets have a 4-1 record and are chasing undefeated Plymouth Salem for the title as they enter their final week of league competition.

Glenn will meet Livonia Stevenson Wednesday before traveling to the Class A regional championships. The regionals will be staged Saturday at Novi.

"It was a close meet," Shough said of the Farmington encounter. "We pulled away at the end."

Glenn carded four of the five victories in the field events as Jason Key accounted for two

firsts. His 43'2" put was the best effort in the shot put while his toss of 142'10" also gave him a first in the discus. Brandon Buck leaped 20'3 1/2" for a victory in the long jump. Tony Donnelly cleared 11'6" to win the pole vault competition.

Glenn also stashed away three of the five relay events. The 3,200 meters went to the Rocket foursome of Scott Henson, Rob Bloomfield, Jeff Tappert and Jason Nowicki, who were clocked in 8:41.76.

The 800-meter relay lineup of Jim Wolskie, Lamar Ellison, Randy Seach and Ed Jeannin came through with a winning time of 1:33.3. The team of Wolskie, Buck, Brian Schultz and Jeannin also finished first in 45.6.

Jeannin turned in a 11.7 to win the 100-meter dash and his running mate, Seach, proved to be the best in the field for the 400 meters. He led his rivals to the wire, posting the winning time of 45.6.

Romulus bats 'come alive'

By TERRY LYNCH
ANP Special Writer

Romulus Coach Don Foley could stand for a few more weeks.

Starting the week at 5-9 overall, the Eagles took two giant steps toward playing .500 ball by beating Milan 4-2 Wednesday and defeating Ann Arbor Huron 4-1 Thursday.

Against the Hurons in Ann Arbor, the Eagles benefited from a four-hitter by senior Ed Tank. Tank fanned two and walked only one batter as he led the Eagles in ending the Hurons six-game winning streak.

Chad Regney took the loss for

Ann Arbor. Regney started and worked 5 1/3 innings.

The Hurons struck first with a run in the second inning. But the lead was short-lived.

The Eagles scored two in the third on a double by Brian Ellison. Don Zemke, who had singled, and Rich Evans, who walked in the inning, scored runs.

Romulus added one in the fourth on an RBI single by Tim Dufore.

In the sixth, Mark Harden singled and was advanced to third on a bunt single by catcher Charlie Dudonis. He scored when Ben Good's sacrifice fly to the first baseman was dropped.

Easy win

Salem crushes Stevenson 14-7

By DION PRATER
ANP Special Writer

After one batter, the Plymouth Salem baseball team had a sense they would have a good day. And after the first inning, it only got better for them, as they crushed Livonia Stevenson 14-7 last week. The score was not a real indication of how lopsided the game really was.

Ed Gundry led off the Salem first with a home run. After that, Plymouth Salem never looked back as the Rocks scored eight times that inning. Gundry would again bat in the first and hit a second solo home run. Sandwiched between his homers was a three-run shot by Dan Hutchinson.

In the third, it was *The Ed Gundry Show* again. Only this time he struck for a two-run double as the Rocks padded

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their lead 11-0. Gundry had a great day at the plate going 3 for 3 with two home runs and four RBIs. Joining the show was Hutchinson, who went 2 for 3 with three RBIs. Salem would add three more runs in the sixth.

Salem ace Scott Rogers started and, while the rocks were dominating at the plate, he was just as dominating on the mound.

In four innings of work, he struck out 10, including the last nine he faced. The reason he

only pitched four was Coach John Gravlin felt he needed to rest. Rogers also walked two and gave up two hits. Ron Sudz took the loss for the Spartans. He pitched five innings and was tagged for 11 runs.

"We want to keep the ball rolling along in the conference. If we stay focused we can do it," Gravlin said.

Plymouth Salem is now 12-1, and still competing with John Glenn for first in the conference.

Local man wins Master's tourney

By DION PRATER
ANP Special Writer

Cyril J. Batten has thrown his name into the ring, touting himself as one of the strongest men in the world.

On March 30, Batten, 47, of Belleville set two new world records on his way to winning the Master's 242-pound weight class at the 1991 World Powerlifting Association world championship staged in Bellows Falls Vermont. He set world records in the bench press and the total weight in three lifts.

Football registration to be staged

By DION PRATER
ANP Special Writer

The Canton Lions Football Club is looking for a few good men and women.

Sort of. Actually, club members are sponsoring a football camp from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 21-22 for anyone between the ages of 7 and 14. It will be located behind the Canton Police Station at the Canton Recreation Complex.

The camp includes non-contact football with instructional help. Everyone participating will receive a T-shirt and lunch will be provided both days. The registration fee is \$15. There is no deadline. However, club members ask participants to register in advance so the Lions Club knows how many T-shirts and lunches to provide for the two days.

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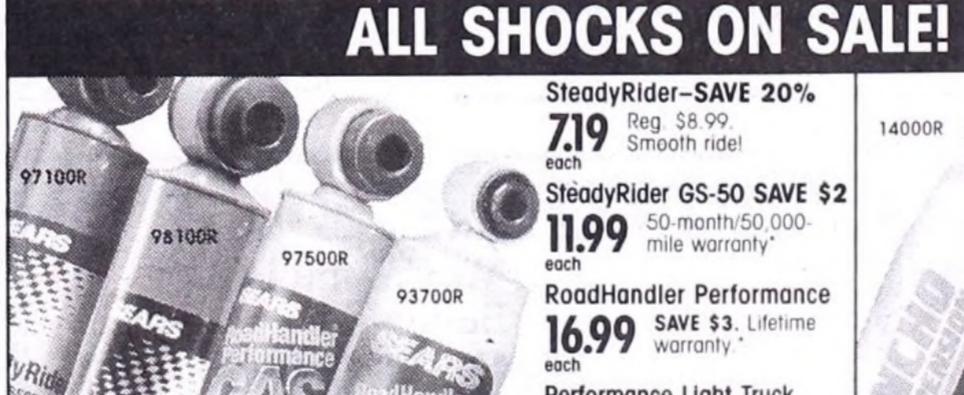
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OBITUARIES

Karoub, Rhonda E.

Rhoda E. Karoub, 88, of Inkster died May 4, 1991. She is survived by her children, Robert, Albert, Mariam, Rick and Joseph; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert.

Funeral services were at Howe-Peterson Funeral Homes with the Rev. Imam Muhammad A.H. Karoub officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Manke, Richard G.

Richard G. Manke, 52, of Westland died April 25, 1991 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia M.; children, Christopher James, Sandra Ann Mc Caffrey and Tracy Lynn; parents, Florence and Jack Hickey; brother, John Hickey; sisters, Marlene and Cathy Paschke; brothers-in-law, George Sanders and Kenneth Sanders; and father-in-law George Sanders Sr.

Funeral services were at Kirk of Our Savior Church with the Rev. Neil D. Cowling officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the Salvation Army, Michigan Cancer Foundation or Kirk of Our Savior Church.

Walsh, Grace D.

Grace D. Walsh, formerly of Wayne, died April 30, 1991.

She is survived by her husband, Philip; children, Debbie, Pat, Philip II, Rudy and Joe; brother, Tony; sister, Betty; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Peninsula Funeral Home in Newport News, Va.

Bunyak, Andrew W.

Andrew W. Bunyak, 87, of Lincoln Park died May 5, 1991 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Irene M.; children, Lowell, Andrew, Wilfred, Edwin, Clyde, Edgar, Dale, Barbara Dingwell, Roxanne Deverich and Linda Donnelly; brother, Arthur; sisters, Marjorie Moat, Emma Drysdale and Irene Sault; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Carl, John and Wilfred.

Funeral services were at Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. J.D. Landis of the Community United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Lappo, Martha M.

Martha M. Lappo, 81, of Westland died April 27, 1991 at Westland Convalescent Center.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara J. Cohrs, Florence Gentry and Ruth Hellenberger; sister, Katherine Zapinski; grandchildren, Cynthia Ann Rosen and Susan Marie Vaclavek; and great-grandchild, Alexandra Vaclavek.

Funeral services were at St. Raphael Catholic Church with the Rev. Raymond Marshall officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Funeral arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the Westland Convalescent Center Special Fund.

Barnes E. Gilbert, 69, of Taylor died April 30, 1991.

Edward C. Lowe, 85, of Belleville died May 2, 1991.

Clift, Ruth

Ruth Clift, 75, of Livonia died May 1, 1991 at her home.

She is survived by her niece, Isabel Osterber and nephew, George Currier.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; and parents, John and Mabel Madigan.

Funeral services were at Harry J. Will Funeral Home Inc. with the Rev. Brian J. Tweedie officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Baer, Beatrice Lenore

Beatrice Lenore Baer, 78, of Romulus died May 4, 1991 at Lexington Court Nursing Home in Lexington, Ohio.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Lee Miller, Elsie Jean McIntosh and Sandra Festerling; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald McClellan of the Romulus Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the Romulus Wesleyan Church.

Dixon, Williamina

Williamina Dixon, 93, of Romulus died May 5, 1991 at Annapolis Hospital.

She is survived by her son-in-law, John G. Geisler, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Elizabeth Geisler.

Funeral services were at Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Burkeen of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Family members request that memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

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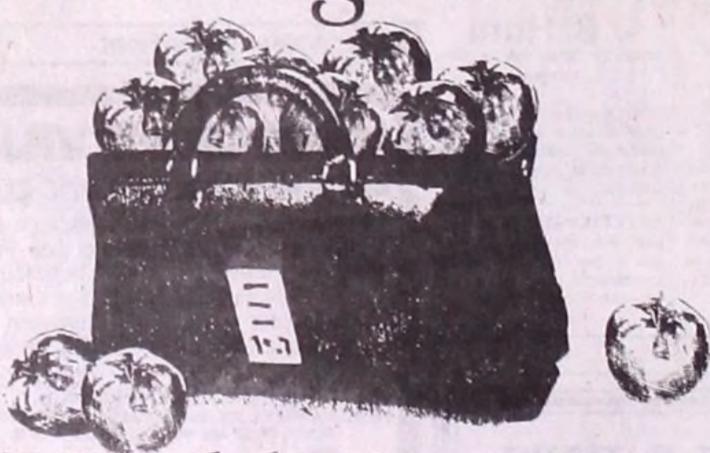
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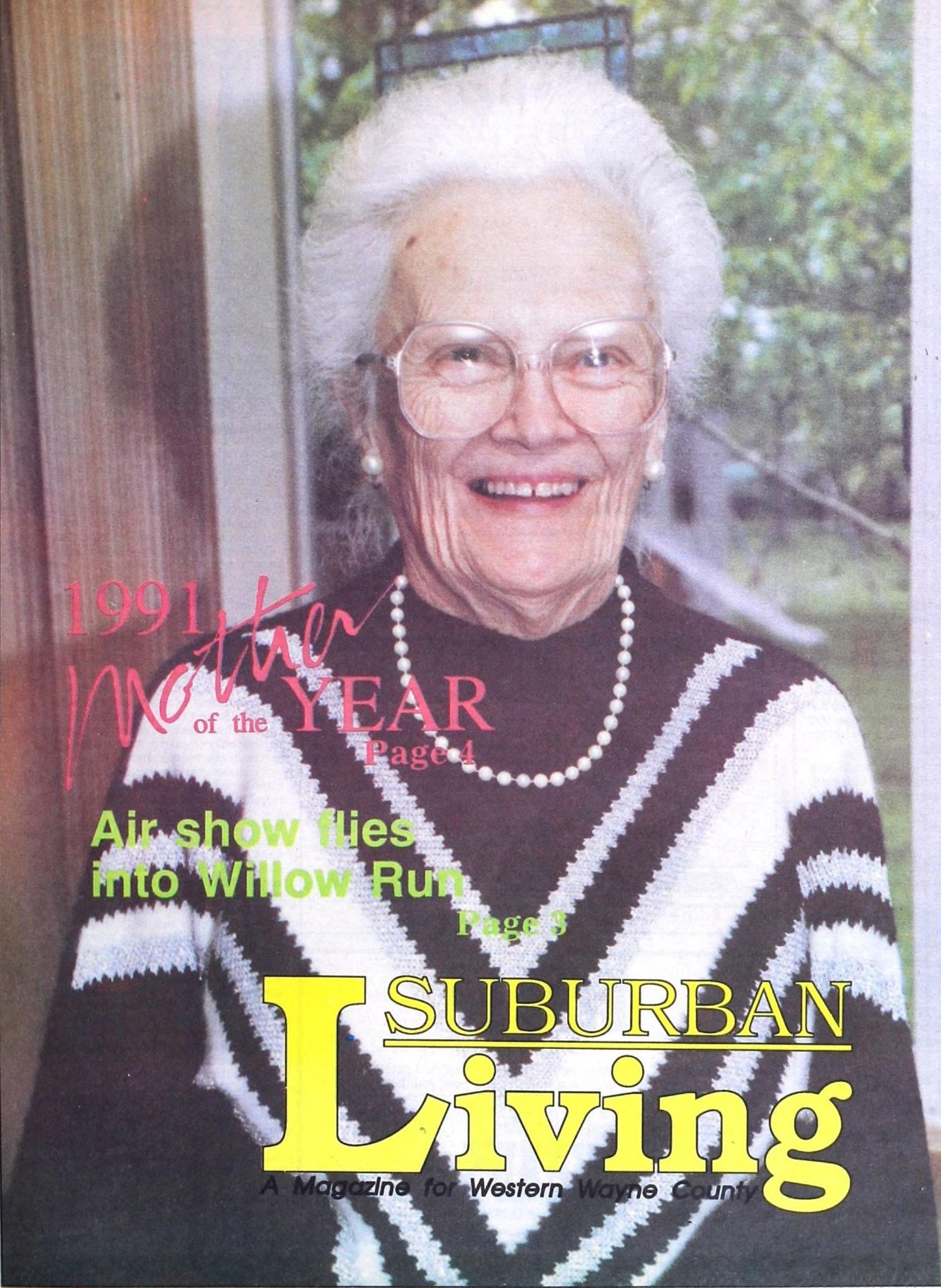
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Proper grooming is important to pet health

People are very selective about who grooms their dog. They should be. There are dozens, maybe hundreds, of grooming salons in any given city. The opportunity to shop around and choose the one you feel most comfortable with is there within reach of a telephone.

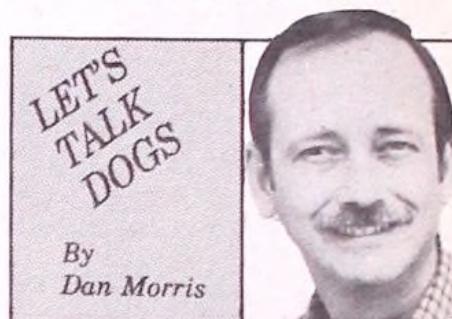
Groomers can become one of the most important individuals to your dog, outside the family and other

than your veterinarian.

Prices for grooming services vary. The size dog you own will affect the grooming fee as well as the breed of dog you own. Obviously, the customer having a Doberman Pinscher bathed will not be paying the same price as one having a Golden Retriever or German Shepherd bathed. The Dobe will dry much faster because there is

less hair involved. There will be less brushing required and no under-coat to be worried about. Therefore, the Doberman will cost less to groom.

People with medium to small dogs may assume the prices should be equal. Not true. A medium-sized dog may be a Cocker Spaniel or a 35-pound Cockapoo. There will be quite a difference between the two groom-



ing prices because a Cocker Spaniel requires a very precise body pattern. The hair of the Cockapoo may be thick, but generally not as thick as a Cocker Spaniel's. The drying time will also be less.

Next, we come to the condition of the dog when it is brought in for an appointment with the groomer. The first thing a groomer checks is to see if the dog is matted. Mats can be found behind the ears of many long-haired breeds. They look and feel like hard lumps of hair and that's exactly what they are. When mats hang away from the direct surface of the dog's skin they may be able to brush them out. When they are so close to the skin that they appeared to be glued in, then the matted hair must be shaved off by the groomer.

The real reason any dog's coat becomes matted is because no one brushed it.

A matted dog is not a comfortable dog and if left in that condition for too long, will eventually develop skin disorders, sores under the matted hair and a foul odor.

Your dog needs to be groomed as much for his appearance as to keep his skin and coat in good condition.

A matted dog will cost more to groom. Having the dog groomed on a regular basis is less expensive than repeatedly having the groomer shave off the matted hair.

We have very special grooming clients who visit our salon on a regular basis. Because of this, they are a great advertisement for their breed. They look good, feel good and as they prance around our shop, they even act as if they "know" they're looking great. They can credit their owners for caring about their appearance and health. Duffy, the Lhasa Apso comes in every other week. We open his cage door and walks right in. He knows where his special spot is. Gadget and Gizmo, the Shih Tzus, are litter mates. They are also regular customers who have perfect coats and are a tribute to the beauty of their breed.

Becky and Taafe, the Westies; Bo and Jamie, the Cocker Spaniels; Corky, the Miniature Poodle; Nick, the Doberman Pinscher, and so many other regulars are a joy to groom. They are used to being groomed and their time with us is short because of the regularity of their visits.

Do your dog a favor. Keep his coat and skin in good condition. Just as you visit the barber or hair stylist on a regular basis, your dog should as well. It's worth the effort and repays him for some of that love and devotion he showers upon you.

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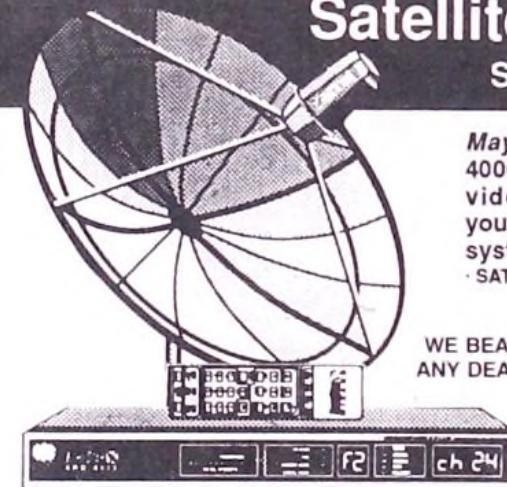
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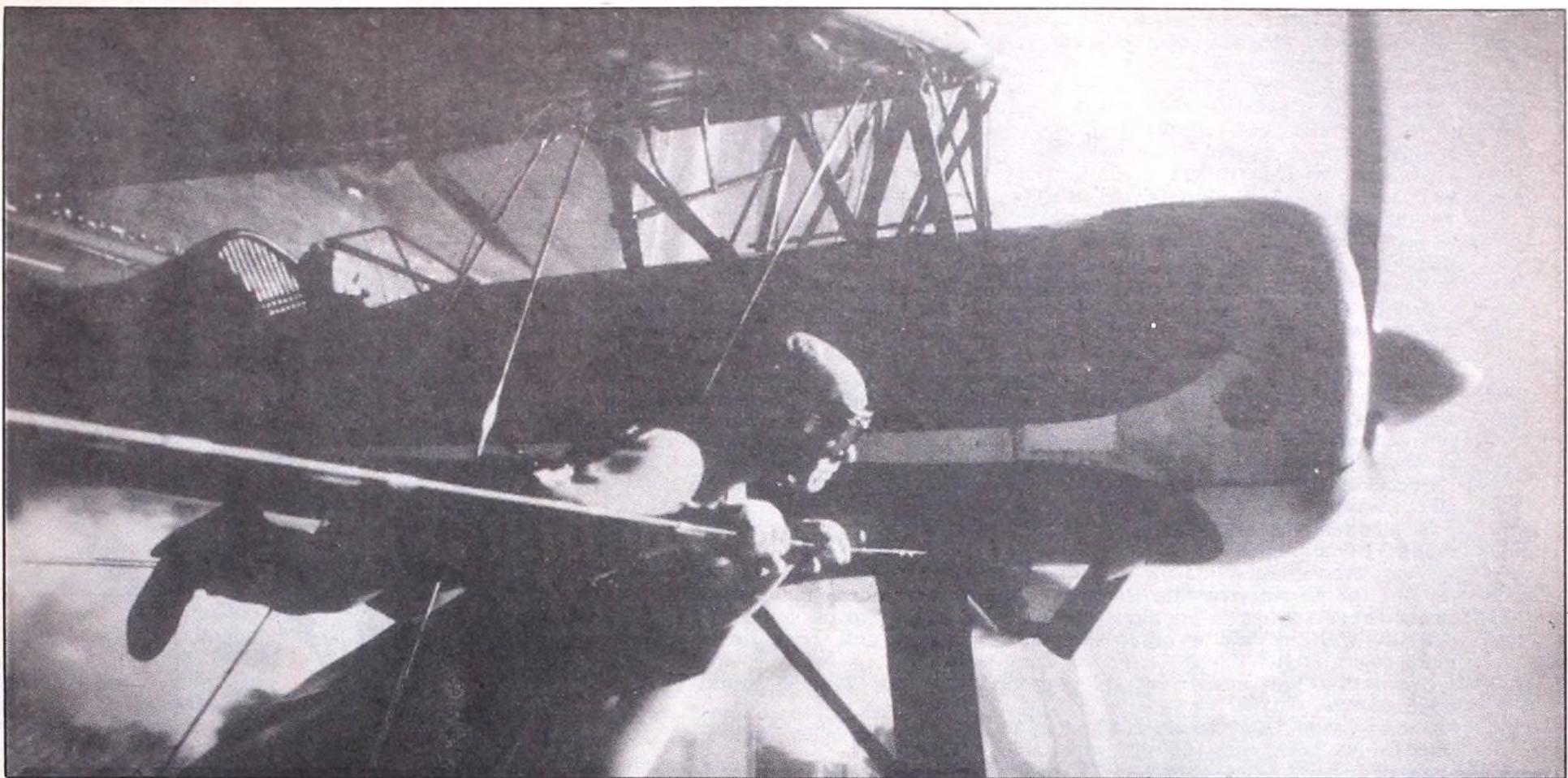
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Air Michigan '91 will return to Willow Run Airport this summer with a flourish as Americans continue to welcome the military aviators who so heroically served in Operation Desert Storm.

County officials who are organizing the event June 8 and 9 are expecting large turnouts at the event which will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels due to renewed patriotism among residents.

Also showing their colors at the event will be the Holiday Inn Aerobatic Team, the most decorated formation team currently flying.

Their breath-taking performance in Pitts S2 biplanes features precise maneuvers not unlike what two of the pilots learned in the military.

"I don't think there was as much enthusiasm for air shows after the Vietnam War for a number of reasons," said team leader T.J. Brown, a decorated Vietnam veteran. "This war was touted heavily by the press as an air war, with the importance of air power, and public awareness was heightened."

Brown and slot pilot Mike Van Wagenen have a total of 44 decorations between them for action in the Vietnam conflict. The honors include three Distinguished Flying Crosses for Brown and six for Van Wagenen.

Brown flew 195 combat missions from 1968 to 1972 in the F-105 Thunderchief, then attended the Air Force Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base.

VanWagenen flew several types of fighters, including the F-4 Phantom, in two tours of duty in Southeast Asia, flying 359 combat missions, including 170 over North Vietnam.

They're joined by Keoki Gray on left wing and Randy Brooks on right wing in the four-ship Holiday Inn formation.

Returning home for the air show is Southfield native Lori Lynn Ross who will dazzle audiences with her wing-walking act.

Ross will return to Willow Run for the first time since 1989 to demonstrate the barnstorming-days art of wing-walking, this time on the legendary "ol' Smokey" 1940 Stearman biplane to be flown by Walt Pierce of Florida.

Ross has appeared as a stuntwoman in Rescue 911, Terminator II and The Rocketeer. Her skills include rock and ice climbing, alpine, telemark and Nordic skiing, fire and clown diving, ladder diving, competitive dives on 3-, 4- and 10-meter boards and platforms, fire burns, high falls, trapeze, trampoline, roller and blade skating, scuba, water and jet skiing, whitewater rafting and canoeing, windsurfing, helicopter pickups and motorcycle, car and boat transfers.

Advance tickets for Air Michigan '91 are available at the air show office and all Ticketmaster locations. They are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children when purchased in advance, and \$11 for adults, \$8 for children when purchased at the gate. The event is sponsored by Wayne County, ticket proceeds benefit the Easter Seal Society of Wayne County.

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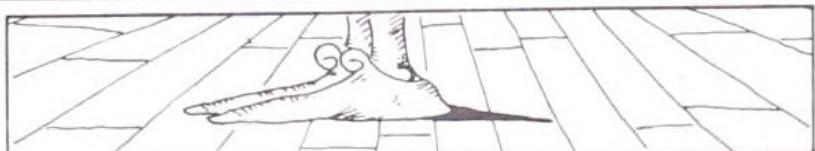
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It's a line from the play *Our Town*, and a thought Agnes Greene believes all mothers should keep in mind.

Greene, 84, is our 1991 Associated Newspapers Mother of the Year.

She has been a mother to her own children, those of her husband's, and to the hundreds of students she taught and counseled in the Wayne-Westland school district.

"I would advise mothers, and parents in general, to be with their children as much as possible," Greene said. "Really get to know them."

A resident of Canton Township, she now lives in an addition to the home where she raised her family. Her son, Bruce, owns the house now and lives there with his wife and children.

"They say you can't come home again, but we did," Greene said.

Bruce, an assistant principal at Belleville High School, nominated his mother for this honor.

Bruce is the baby of the family, and he came as a bit of a surprise.

Greene was 44 at the time and her husband was 51.

"By the time Bruce was born everything had changed. Morality changed," she said.

Greene was still in tune with young people, however, as she was a teacher at Wayne Memorial High School.

Bruce remembers his mom being in the stands as well, cheering him on all the way.

He also remembers coming home with friends, and his mom serving up root beer floats.

"Mom even chaperoned my first date, driving us to the drive-in and flipping up the rearview mirror so that we would be more comfortable," Bruce Greene writes of his mom. "When I was older and parked in the driveway with my date, trying to neck, mom came out and served homemade cookies to us."

Greene has four other sons, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren now.

She was widowed at the age of 39 when her first husband died of cancer. She had two boys, ages 10 and 7 who had to be raised.

In 1974 she was elected to the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, and served for one term.

Now, she enjoys swimming to keep her arthritis in check and she "plays house" with a little neighbor girl.

She also reads four to five books each week to her husband who is now legally blind. She also used to participate in the Readings for the Blind program.

"It's a wonderful program."

Most of all, Greene is proud of the children she raised. They all are different. They all have their own lives. They all carry a bit of "Mom" with them.

"What I love most about my mother is her attitude and zest for life. With her the glass is never empty, but always have full," Bruce Greene said. "Through mom's good example, I have learned the value of life and the appreciation of love. Thanks mom."



Diane, Denise, David and Donald sounds more like the name of a new ride at Disney World than her children's names.

But Virginia Ann Hassett, 58, of Westland isn't one to follow conventional thinking.

She lists dune bugging, snow mobiling and camping with some of her eight grandchildren as her favorite hobbies.

Hassett works five days a week in the family businesses, Bud's Motor Sales and B and H Towing in Westland.

Her daughter, Diane Browning of Westland, said she remembers her mother also was active in Cherry Hill Methodist Church, cub scouts as a den mother, school activities and girl scouts.

"I remember one time it was just after Halloween and all our candy had been combined into one large bowl," Browning said. "One of the boys had gotten into it and the bowl and the candy went all over the kitchen floor with the bowl landing upright. Mom came around the kitchen corner to investigate and thinking she would be angry everyone was out of sight when all of a sudden she stepped in the bowl and her foot stuck. Instead of being mad, she had to sit down on the floor because she was laughing so hard."

"You have to be patient," she said. "You have to try and understand your child," Hassett said.





Knowing when to help your children and when to let them learn on their own is a key to being a good mother.

At least it is to Wayne resident Donna Turner, who along with her husband, Wayne, has successfully raised seven children and also is helping to raise 22

grandchildren.

"You want to do it all for them but sometimes you have to allow your children to learn and make mistakes on their own," Turner said. "It's best for them and it's best for you. Sometimes they have to find out for themselves what something is about, and that's what being a good parent is all about."

Known for her outgoing personality, Turner has worked at Hudson's in Westland for 23 years and is also employed in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Head Start program, where she cares for small children. In addition, Turner drives a school bus from time to time.

"My mother is an inspiration," wrote her daughter, Karen Soderberg. "She keeps a very busy schedule, but she is never too busy to lend an ear, care for a child, console a broken heart or just be a friend."

Turner lists other keys to motherhood as patience, love and discipline.

"My best advice I could give someone is to love your child with all your heart, but give it discipline. If you give it love, you're doing a fine job," she said. "It's difficult sometimes being a mother. The hard part is when your child has problems and you want to help them so much."

"But if a child knows it is loved, it will also have the support of the family to resolve any problem. Being close to one another is



It's not often you'll find a 75-year-old mother with the charm and tongue of a Greek shipping tycoon.

But Marcella McGrath of Westland speaks volumes when she details her shopping list of necessities a mother should possess.

McGrath should know. She has raised seven children while remaining active at St. Mary's and St. Richards churches and in various capacities in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"She has spent her entire life being the perfect mom to her children and a perfect friend to everyone she comes in contact with," says her daughter, Debbie Lindquist.

Giving has been a full-time job for McGrath, a widow. Rarely does she turn down an offer to help someone.

"People say the busy person always has the time for something, and it's true," says McGrath, who also manages to visit her 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

According to McGrath, there are no special secrets to motherhood. But she says the key to balancing motherhood is a fundamental principle that should never be overlooked.

"Equality," she says, "is important. You may think each child you hold in your hand is more special than the one before, but that isn't true. To me, my children are all equally important, and I have enjoyed loving and caring for every one of them."

"Being a good mother means changing roles like you change your clothes. You have to do it often. But the most important thing of them all is to be there for your children when they need you."

"It's always been my pleasure, not my children's, to serve them."

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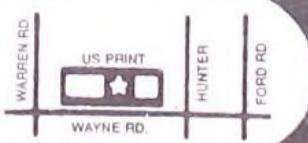
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Champion skaters to appear in Detroit

Peggy Fleming, perhaps the most well-known figure skater of all times, will lead the 1991 Tour of World Figure Skating Champions May 17 at Joe Louis Arena.

This is Fleming's first skating tour since 1981 and she returns with her usual style and elegance.

Her amateur record of five U.S. and three World titles, plus an Olympic Gold Medal in 1968, has never been matched. Her television shows in the 1970s were a first for any skater.

Fleming will lead a troupe of outstanding skaters in Detroit including Robin Cousins, Brian Orser, Elizabeth Manley, Jill Trenary, Christopher Bowman, Kristi Yamaguchi and Ekaterina Goreava and Sergei Grinkov and Barbara Underhill and Paul Martini.

Tickets for the skating event are on sale at Joe Louis and Cobo Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are \$35 and \$22.50, and group rates are available by phoning 567-7474.

Relationship is wrong for Taurus in turmoil

Dear Elizabeth,

My birthday is May 10, 1967 and my ex-boyfriend's birthday is July 14, 1970. We were together for more than a year, and, as you've guessed, we are apart now. He wants me back. I'm confused. Sometimes I want him and sometimes I don't and my family doesn't like him. We've had a lot of problems in the past, but also a lot of good times. Should I try to work it out, or completely let go? If I stay can you tell me what the future might hold for us?

Taurus in Turmoil

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rough times are over, enjoy a much better year this year.

Love, Elizabeth

Dear Taurus,

What a restricting relationship this would be for you. I can see why your relationship would be on again off again you would stick with the relationship to the bitter end. Something tells me it's been bitter for a long time. What have you been doing? I see you meeting another gentleman through your work situation before the end of June. He is older than you, has dark hair and light-colored eyes. Looks interesting! I honestly feel you should let go of the past. A better relationship is coming for you.

Love Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

My birth date is Oct. 22, 1921. My husband's is March 29, 1917. A while back you gave me some good, encouraging news on the future. Since then, we have made a purchase and are making plans for the future. Can you see if our plans will materialize favorably, or is it all for naught and we are in for another big disappointment? Thanks for all your help. A grateful reader,

J.K., Inkster

Dear J.K.,

This will be a phenomenal year as far as meeting new people and making new friends for you if the two of you will let it be. I can see in both of your charts the disappointments you were talking about but those are over. I feel your purchase has been a beneficial one. Now that the

Dear Elizabeth,

My birthday is May 10, 1959. I seem to make a lot of stupid choices. Choices that I know are wrong and will lead to trouble before I make them anyway. I also can never seem to have enough money to pay my bills, even though I make good money. I'm always robbing Peter to pay Paul. What's my problem?

Kay

Dear Kay

From looking at your chart, I see that you did an abundance of overspending last year. Drastic changes fortunately have been made, and spending has been drastically curbed. A better financial cycle will start for you this year after August. Your chart also shows me your impulsiveness, yet you give from the heart. There are some changes in your residence this year in the June or July time period. Fortunately this is a better year. Significant changes have been made since January of this year.

Love, Elizabeth

If you would like to ask a question, send your letter including birthday and year to: "Ask Elizabeth", The Psychic Connection, P.O. Box 851023, Westland, MI 48185

Elizabeth is available for private readings, group parties, banquets and benefits. Phone 422-4224 for further information.

Technology is an addiction, especially for men

You say you want a revolution? Look no further than the new electronic gadgets in your automobile, home and office.

Throughout history, never has so much technology been available for public and private consumption.

But area psychologists are wondering out loud what price your mind will pay after your wallet empties on this latest American addiction.

They say addictions to electronic gadgets are no different than other types of addictions. But they split on the cause of the addiction: Some say it's a learned behavior, others say it's a result of predisposition at birth.

Regardless of cause, most agree men tend to become more addicted to electronic gadgets than women because of their natural curiosity.

"Men are intrigued more by ideas, and gadgets peak their personal

curiosity," says Eugene Hadwiger, a clinical social worker in Farmington Hills. "But there's a fine line between whether you are addicted or a collector of electronic gadgets."

"Computers, for example, can become an addiction. If you sit in your den every night in front of your computer, not socialize with your family, then obviously there's a problem. That's a warning sign of a personal dysfunction."

Marilynn Rusche, clinic manager

of Westland Counseling Center, agrees.

"Men generally do much better in the mechanical skills and that isn't by accident," she says. "But some get carried away with their passion. It's the obsessive compulsive personality which causes the motivation for the addiction."

—By Theodore Coutilish
ANP News Editor

High-definition television on the market soon

Although the technology is available, area stores have yet to carry high-definition televisions.

The stores, however, carry a wide array of home electronic equipment to satisfy your aural and visual desires.

Hardcore viewers may want to sample televisions with stereo, surround sound, on-screen graphics and picture-in-picture capability.

"The surround sound and stereo televisions are really popular among customers," said Darnell Castlow, sales manager at Highland Superstores in Westland.

Although surround sound simulates stereo sound, the difference in sound quality is almost

imperceptible.

More and more customers ask for remote-control programming and on-screen graphics, which enable the viewer to adjust the contrast, tint and color from a remote.

For video viewers who want something new, the picture-in-a-picture television may be the ticket. Offered by Sony Corp. and Mitsubishi at Highland Superstores, it allows the viewer to split the screen into two pictures.

Prices generally start at \$900 for the picture-in-a-picture variety.

Customers who want the sharpest visuals will buy an Hitachi model, which has 650 lines of resolution. "It's the closest thing to high defini-

tion we carry," said Castlow. Prices start at \$1,500.

For audio lovers, shelf or mini stereo units sound like huge units without taking up much space.

Salesmen report brisk sales on the increasingly popular shelf units at the Fretter Superstore in Westland.

At Hudson's in Dearborn, mini stereo units, consisting of a receiver, cassette deck, and compact disc player, stand 18 inches high and are 12 inches wide.

The speakers stand no taller than the components, making the units extremely convenient to move or place on a book shelf.

Electronics producers offering the

units include Sony Corp., Panasonic, Aiwa, Proton and Bowes. Prices at Hudson's range from \$600 to \$1,100.

The sound quality of many mini systems rival larger standard floor systems.

"Yeah, that's the purpose behind the mini system," said a Hudson's stereo salesman who prefers the Panasonic version.

So, if you're tired of listening from a dusty cassette deck or can't adjust the contrast on the television, check out the latest electronic wizardry at your local store.

—By Randy Frank
ANP Staff Writer

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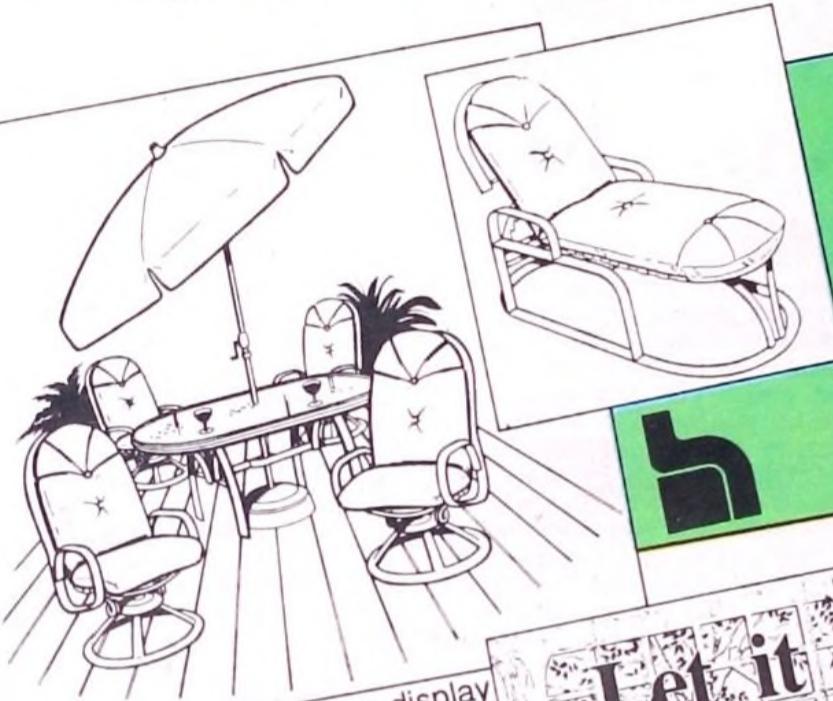
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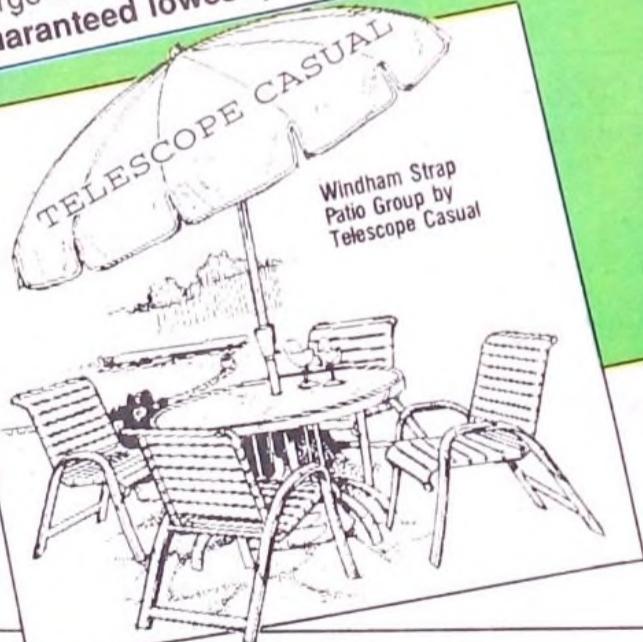
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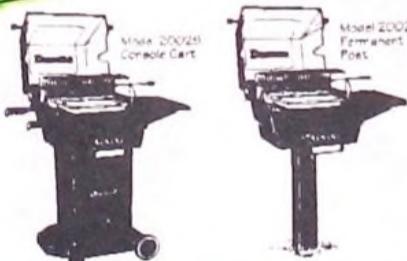
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